

for our students is an example to all of us who wish to improve the lives of others and better our communities.●

#### TRIBUTE TO ROGER BEVERAGE

● Mr. INHOFE. Mr. President, it's my honor to recognize Roger Beverage, a distinguished Oklahoman and dear friend, who recently retired from his role as president and chief executive officer of the Oklahoma Bankers Association. While Roger is a native of Plattsmouth, NE, he has called Oklahoma home for decades. He began his career as a trial lawyer, where he transitioned to a leading role with the Nebraska Bankers Association and later as the director of the Nebraska Department of Banking and Finance. For the past 33 years, Roger has led the Oklahoma Bankers Association. He devoted much of his life to advocating for the banking community across Oklahoma and Washington, DC. There is no question his tireless work has left a lasting impact on our State. While it is sad to see him retire, I have great confidence that his successor and son, Adrian, will carry forward the influential legacy of his father in the years ahead.●

#### REMEMBERING VICE ADMIRAL JOHN CURRIER

● Mr. PETERS. Mr. President, I rise today to honor the memory of a devoted veteran of the U.S. Coast Guard, VADM John Currier, who passed away in March of 2020. I would like to take the time today to reflect on his service, courage, and tenacity as the hangar at the U.S. Coast Guard Air Station Traverse City is dedicated in his honor.

Born and raised in Westbrook, ME, Vice Admiral Currier began his career in service as a police officer. Further expanding his devotion to serve, Vice Admiral Currier commissioned from Officer Candidate School as a naval aviator in 1976. He was first assigned to U.S. Coast Guard Air Station Cape Cod, where a few years later, his skills and commitment to protect were tested.

On a snowy late October evening in 1980, the Coast Guard received a distress call from the TERRY T., a burning and sinking fishing vessel in 30 foot seas. Winds were gusting over 60 knots and visibility was cut to three-quarters of a mile from heavy rain, according to reports. Currier, unfaltering in his duty to be Semper Paratus, was able to maneuver his aircraft into position based only on voice commands by the hoist operator. He had rescued eight of the crew when two men were swept off the deck and were in the water. He was able to fly the aircraft into position in order to get the rescue basket beneath the drowning crew members and brought them on board.

Vice Admiral Currier was awarded the Harmon International Aviation Trophy, but his accolades and awards for rescue missions do not stop there. The Alaska Air Command SAR Pilot of

the Year Award, American Helicopter Society, Fredrick L. Feinberg Award, and the Naval Helicopter Association SAR Aircrew of the Year, all have been awarded to Vice Admiral Currier for various hazardous rescue missions throughout his career.

During his career, Vice Admiral Currier stood the watch at six Coast Guard air stations, from Alaska to Florida. He was designated as an aeronautical engineer in 1982, and after a few years in Alaska, Vice Admiral Currier was assigned to Air Station Traverse City in 1985.

Other assignments have included deputy program manager for the Coast Guard and Navy HH-60H/J joint helicopter acquisition at the Naval Air Systems Command, and chief of SAR operations and directory of auxiliary for the Ninth Coast Guard District. Vice Admiral Currier then served as commanding officer of Air Stations Detroit and then Miami, which was then the world's busiest air-sea search and rescue unit. An alumnus of the University of Southern Maine, he held a master's in business administration from Embry-Riddle University. He was a 1996 graduate of the U.S. Air Force Air War College and held a level III acquisition program manager certification.

Subsequently, he was assigned as Pacific area chief of operations, then area chief of staff, and was appointed commander of the 13th District, which covers the Pacific Northwest. He assumed the duties of the Coast Guard's chief of staff in 2009, later transitioning that position to the service's first deputy Commandant for Mission Support. Vice Admiral Currier assumed duties as the 28th Vice Commandant in May 2012, during which time he was awarded the title of Ancient Albatross of the Coast Guard, until his retirement in May of 2014.

Vice Admiral Currier was a devoted military man and was supported by an incredible spouse—his wife of 45 years, Mary Jane Currier. They were known for their hospitality and for throwing spectacular parties for fellow Coast Guard members, family, and friends. Mary Jane and John had two sons, Benjamin and Andrew. John was a devoted father who spent countless hours coaching Little League and teaching his two sons woodworking and auto mechanics. In his retirement, Vice Admiral Currier and Mary Jane enjoyed boating on Lake Michigan with their four grandchildren.

Mr. President, I ask you and my fellow colleagues to join me in celebrating the life and service of Vice Admiral John Currier. As we remember Vice Admiral Currier's life, I have no doubt his surviving wife, children, and family have found comfort in the precious moments they shared and in the love he showed them. With the U.S. Coast Guard Air Station Traverse City hangar now dedicated in his memory, I hope those who had the honor of serving beside Vice Admiral Currier remember his legacy when they enter it

and that future Coast Guardsman are inspired by his devoted and honorable career.●

#### RECOGNIZING ABRACADABRA'S

● Mr. RISCH. Mr. President, the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic have not been easy for small business owners and their employees to overcome. Throughout the pandemic, many were forced to temporarily close their doors. Those that reopened had to innovate their business models to comply with local guidelines and public health mandates. As we turn the corner on the COVID-19 pandemic, I am proud to relaunch Support Local Gems, a statewide initiative, on May 21 to encourage Idahoans to support local small businesses in their communities. This month, as a senior member and former chairman of the Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, I will honor six small businesses located throughout the State of Idaho. I am pleased to honor Abracadabra's in Twin Falls as one of the Idaho Small Businesses of the Month for May 2021.

The Twin Fall's Abracadabra's is a breakfast-style bistro owned by Josh and Jonathan Swain and Nikki Bourne. The brothers have made it their mission to bring childhood magic back to breakfast food for all ages. The restaurant is renowned for engaging its customers through unique specialty dishes and an outside-the-box atmosphere. Customers rave about the creative food designs and the interactive dining experience. Its popularity has led to the restaurant winning the Magic Valley Readers' Choice Award for Best Breakfast in 2020.

Amid the pandemic, Abracadabra's was instrumental in providing essential items to the local community. Last spring, many local grocery stores experienced shortages of everyday items. The restaurant adapted its business model to provide wholesale products like bacon, eggs, flour, and sanitizing products in bulk to the community. Through the use of online ordering and curbside pickup processes, customers remained safely socially distanced while retrieving basic grocery items that they desperately needed. Thanks to their innovative thinking, the owners addressed the changing needs of their community while keeping their staff safe and employed.

Congratulations to Abracadabra's in Twin Falls on being selected as an Idaho Gem for the month of May. You serve as an example in your community and are an outstanding example of what it means to be one of Idaho's Local Gems.●

#### RECOGNIZING GREAT HARVEST

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